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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION:

SPRING WHEAT TEAM

REFS: (A) TOFAS 172; (B) STATE 172039

1. SPRING WHEAT TEAM LEADER TELEPHONED USDA AUGUST 28 TO INFORM DEPARTMENT SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE KEY SPRING WHEAT AREAS IN NEW LANDS WHERE WEATHER REPORTS AND COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATE THERE ARE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WHICH MAY AFFECT HARVEST SIGNIFICANTLY.

2. REQUEST CHARGE, IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR, APPROACH SOVIETS ON AUGUST 29 AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA AND/OR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO SEEK IMPROVEMENT IN TEAM

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ITINERARY. IF APPROACH NOT SUCCESSFUL, REQUEST JUDGMENT

WHETHER THERE WOULD BE SOME VALUE IN CARRYING OUT ABBRE-
VIATED SCHEDULE OR WHETHER TEAM SHOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON.
ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

3. IT IS USDA'S POSITION THAT ITINERARY WHICH DOES NOT
INCLUDE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM IN AT LEAST ONE LOCALITY IN
EASTERN NEW LANDS WOULD NOT BE SATISFACTORY. KISSINGER

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